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Officers Elected at Annual Meeting.

Moderator.

ALBERT FIELD.

Town Clerk.

ALBERT H. VARNEY.

Representative.

J. LEWIS CHASE.

Selectmen.

JAMES B. MARTIN, Treasurer.

AUSTIN J. NEALE,

GEO. O. PAUL.

Superintending School Committee.

JAMES H. WILKINSON, (resigned.)

O. S. BAKETEL, (appointed.)

Collector of Taxes.

ROBERT HARVEY

Auditor.

S. E. WILLIAMS.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Valuation of property in town, April 1, 1877.

Real Estate,	\$220,000 00
Personal,	83,414 00
No. of Polls 252,	25,200 00

Total valuation,	\$328,614 00
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Rate of State, County, Town, School and Highway tax, \$1.50
per \$100.

Town of South Newmarket in account with the Selectmen, Cr.

Received of Austin J. Neale, treasurer 1876,	49 87
State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	519 52
“ Savings Bank tax,	375 78
“ Literary Fund,	67 08
County Treasurer,	284 68
School District No.1, insurance on town hall,	21 88
“ “ “ repairs lightning rods,	6 00
Net income town hall,	16 58
For use road scraper from town of Ken- sington,	5 00
For old bridge timber,,	2 00
Balance Collector Howard's list, 1876,	192 78
Less abatements,	11 25
Amount collected,	178 53

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Amount committed to Robert Harvey for collection, list of 1877,	5004 71	
10 per cent. discount,	340 99	
5 " "	23 99	
Less abatements,	28 49	
Uncollected,	274 75	658 22
		<hr/> 4336 49
Temporary loan,		225 00
		<hr/> \$60 88 41

Paid,

1877, Mar. 9, E. C. Williams, auditing town accounts,	3 50
13, Wingate & Dunton, printing town ac- counts,	30 00
Wm. Langlands, taking care town hall,	2 25
27, Geo. E. Lane, collector's book, &c.	1 50
April 10, Wingate & Dunton, printing notices,	3 50
12, T. B. Robinson, surveying town lines,	2 00
May 8, J. S. H. Frink for advice,	3 00
7, Mary Warburton, making clothes for Mrs. J. Jones,	4 00
28, H. P. Neal, for lumber on bridge, (Piscassic)	55 61
Austin J. Neale, lumber and labor on bridge, (Piscassic),	33 50
June 8, A. C. Smith, repairing lightning rods on town hall,	12 00
26, Mrs. E. A. Gray for boarding Mrs. Jones and child,	53 50
J. C. Giddings for breaking highways,	12 05
July 11, J. N. Clark, note and interest—tem- porary loan,	101 00
17, Geo. B. Wiggin on account highway, District No. 3,	60 00
County tax,	1001 32
Sam'l P. Badger, special police service,	2 50

Sept. 7,	John M. Ewen, labor and paint on Town Hall,	60
	E. G. Hill, special police service,	2 50
21,	Sol'n Gray, boarding Jones family,	55 00
	James H. Wilkinson, services as Supt. School Committee,	6 00
27,	John E. Simpson, tickets for poor persons,	3 15
Oct. 6,	Ann M. Wiggin, boarding G.P. Vulley, (received from County,)	43 00
29,	John F. Fowler, on account of High- way, district No. 1,	350 00
Nov. 5,	Sam'l P. Badger, bounty on hawk,	20
6,	County for board of W. F. French,	160 26
9,	Perry T. Kuse, labor on bank wall, district No. 2,	2 00
30,	E. J. Sanborn, Prudential School Com- mittee, district No. 2,	150 00
	Literary Fund,	8 00
Dec. 1,	David Murray, insurance on Town Hall,	43 75
11,	C. H. Leavitt, railroad tickets,	1 65
13,	S. S. Manning, labor on bank wall, dis- trict No. 2,	5 00
17,	A. H. Varney, medical attendance to Mrs. Jones,	58 00
29,	Jere. Keefe, police services,	4 00
1878, Jan. 9,	State tax,	920 00
	Albert Field for goods furnished to the Jones family,	34 77
Feb. 12,	Frank P. Neal, labor of oxen on bank wall, district No. 2,	1 00
	A. Field, bill of goods furnished Jones family,	15 73
	A. Field, bill of oil and stationery,	6 94
25,	J. E. Simpson, services as constable,	6 00

Feb. 25,	Geo. B. Wiggin, repairing and break-	
	ing roads,	16 20
	Cyrus Littlefield, watering trough,	3 00
	A. Field, bill of medicines furnished	
	Miss McMahan,*	4 18
	P. Lynch, boarding Johanna McMahan,*	21 00
26,	Ann M. Wiggin, putting up tramps,	130 50
27,	Kate Fitzgerald, (aid from County),	117 00
	C. E. Durell, School money, dist. No. 1,	955 00
	" Literary fund,	59 08
	E. B. Pendergast, (abated tax),	1 72
	Robert Harvey, tax bills and expense	
	to pay County tax,	4 50
	O. S. Baketel, services as Supt. School	
	Committee,	19 00
	D. G. Neal, labor on wall, dist. No. 2,	4 00
	George D. W. Robinson, bounty on hawks,	1 00
	do watering trough,	3 00
	Robert Harvey, services as collector,	44 02
	Solomon Gray, boarding J. Jones' wife	
	and child,	40 00
	" " putting up poor persons,	4 50
	A. H. Varney, services as Town Clerk,	36 15
	do. recording births and deaths,	8 50
	Nathan G. Howard, collecting taxes, 1876,	1 78
	do. tax bills,	1 51
	Charles F. Pease, bounty on foxes,	3 00
	Mrs. Connor Neal, aid from County,	5 00
	Frank P. Neal, wood furnished Mrs. C.	
	Neal (from County),	25 00
	A. H. Varney, medical attendance Jos.	
	P. Jones, rec'd from County,	2 00
	do. Johanna McMahan "	2 00
	John M. Ewen, services as police, 1877,	6 00
	do. extra do.	1 00

* Received from County.

Feb. 27,	John E. Simpson, tickets furnished poor persons,	13 45
	Joseph Smith, for boarding Jones' child,	53 25
	C. [H. Littlefield, police services and watering trough,	9 00
	Wm. B. Small, counsel in 1876 and '77	20 00
	J. S. Clark, for land to widen road and labor on same,	25 00
	Sam'l Neal jr., repairing and breaking highway, district No. 2,	89 30
	Wm. Warburton, repairing highway,	2 36
	David Curry, taking care of tramps,	77 50
	O. G. Sanborn, taking care poor person,	1 00
	J. F. Fowler, wood furnished J. Jones' family,	3 00
	Swamscot Machine Co. lumber and breaking highways,	8 18
	David A. Curry, keeping tramps,	3 50
March,	James B. Martin, services as Treasurer,	30 00
	George O. Paul, services as Selectman,	84 32
	Austin J. Neale, do. do.	45 00
	James B. Martin, do. do.	41 50
	Daniel E. Smith, bounty on foxes,	1 00
	Mrs. C. A. Bennett, house rent Jones' family,	3 50
	Solomon Gray, labor on highway,	80
	Note and interest, No. 3,	535 00
	" " No. 4,	291 74
	S. E. Williams, services as auditor,	3 00
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	Cash in hands of J. B. Martin, treasurer,	18 50
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		\$6088 41

SELECTMEN'S BILLS.

TOWN OF SOUTH NEWMARKET

To JAMES B. MARTIN, DR.

1877, April 11, To running town lines against Newmarket,	3 00
17, making school house tax district, No. 2,	2 00
May 2, stationery and stamps,	3 00
14, book for town clerk,	2 25
Oct. 13, time and exepnses to Portsmouth to settle with County Comm'rs,	3 50
Dec. 22, time and expense to Concord to settle State tax,	5 00
1878, Jan. 11, making report of Town valuation to State tax Comm'rs,	2 00
aiding poor persons,	3 75
making check list,	2 00
other services as Selectman,	15 00
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	\$41 50

Received Payment,

JAMES B. MARTIN.

TOWN OF SOUTH NEWMARKET

To AUSTIN J. NEALE, DR.

1877, Mar. 10, time to Newmarket to see about town	
accounts,	1 50
24, " " " counsel,	1 50
April 4, enrolling militia,	3 00
making invoice and report for State	
Agricultural department,	3 00
11, running town line against Newmarket,	3 00
17, making school house tax, dist. No. 2,	2 00
May 17, time and expense to Newmarket, to see	
guardian for French,	1 50
1878, Jan. 11, making report of Town valuation to	
State tax Comm'rs,	3 00
17, time and expense to Exeter to see Coun-	
ty Comm's about Johanna McMahan,	2 50
Feb'y 7, time to Newmarket to see A. L. Mellows,	1 50
helping poor persons,	2 00
stationery and stamps,	1 00
26, time to Exeter to settle with County	
Commissioners,	2 50
making check list,	2 00
all other services as Selectman,	15 00
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	\$45 00

Received Payment,

AUSTIN J. NEALE.

TOWN OF SOUTH NEWMARKET

To GEORGE O. PAUL, DR.

1877, April 4, enumerating the children in town, and making return of the same,	3 00
11, surveying town line between this town and Newmarket,	3 00
17, making school house tax,	2 00
Nov. 6, time and expense to Brentwood to pay board of W. F. French,	4 00
Feb. 22, making check list,	2 00
28, Geo. E. Lane, bill of curtains and fixtures, time and expense to Exeter, and labor putting up curtains,	3 32
all other services as Selectman,	15 00
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	34 32

Received Payment,

GEO. O. PAUL.

ABATEMENTS OF TAXES.

Abatements for 1876.	Sol'n Gray, dogs,	2 00
	Sam'l Hill, poll, dog and cow,	2 80
	Thomas Vulley,	1 00
	Pat O'Conner,	1 00
	Pat O'Brine,	2 45
	Ed Trickey,	1 45
	Geo. W. Wiggin,	2 10
	Thomas Cronan,	1 45
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		\$14 25
Abatements for 1877.	Wm. Hervey,	3 95
	Chas. H. Littlefield, dog,	1 00
	B. F. Abbott, "	1 00
	N. B. Glidden,	1 50
	Sol'n Gray, dog,	1 00
	Wm. Langlands,	1 50
	Stephen Manch,	2 25
	Frank H. Merrill,	1 50
	Geo. S. Paul,	1 50
	Wm. Pike,	1 50
	H. G. O. Rundlett,	1 50
	G. K. Smith, dog,	1 00
	Joseph N. Smart,	1 50
	Mary Sullivan, dog,	1 00
	Asa Sanborn, heirs of, dog	1 00
	Geo. O. Wiggin,	1 50
	Nath'l Haines,	54
	Eben Wilson,	1 50
	Town of Newmarket,	2 25
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		\$28 49

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount of uncollected taxes on Robert Harvey's tax	
list, 1877,	274 75
cash in hands of J. B. Martin,	18 50
	<hr/> 293 25

TOWN DEBTS.

Temporary loan,	125 00
Outstanding bills, estimated,	50 00
	<hr/> 175 00
Balance in favor of town,	\$118 25
JAMES B. MARTIN, } AUSTIN J. NEALE, } GEO. O. PAUL, }	Selectmen of So. Newmarket.

South Newmarket, March 2, 1878.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has examined the foregoing accounts and finds them correctly cast and well vouched.

S. E. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

Selectmen's account with School District No. 2.

CR. By balance of A. J. Neale, town treasurer,	1 92
Amount committed for collection list	
of 1877,	450 44
Less abatements,	2 92
	<hr/> 447 52
	\$449 44
DR. Paid note and interest,	\$449 44

REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.

Your Committee presents the following

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

While our Schools are not retrograding, we are not advancing with that degree of rapidity, and to the high standard of scholarship which your Committee desires. Some good work has been done in the school-room, not all of which is clearly visible at present. It is good work to sow good seed, though it be weeks before it sprout, and many weeks more before a ripened harvest greets the toiler. Such seed as the earnest faithful teacher sows has been scattered in our school-rooms this year. We are making some improvements. The teachers have done their duty to the best of their ability; and I believe they have earnestly coveted the best gifts, that they might, if possible, find a more excellent way, and thus become in their profession, workmen not needing to be ashamed.

The whole number of children in town between the ages of four and fifteen is one hundred and sixty-six; viz. seventy females, and ninety-six males. The num-

ber of children between five and fifteen who have not attended school during the year is sixteen.

The amount of money raised for school purposes was eleven hundred and five dollars. Received from the Literary fund, sixty-seven dollars and eight cents. Total, eleven hundred and seventy-two dollars and eight cents.

Mr. Charles E. Durell, as Prudential Committee of District No. 1, has been faithful and efficient at all times. The same may be said of Mr. Elbridge J. Sanborn, who acted in the same office in District No. 2.

DISTRICTS.

The town is divided into two Districts, numbers one and two.

Number one embraces three schools, viz. Primary, Intermediate and High Schools. Number two has one department. The length of the school year has been thirty-one weeks.

DISTRICT NO. 1.—PRIMARY SCHOOL.

This school has been in the charge of Miss Hattie E. Sanborn. There have been enrolled during the year, and attended two weeks, seventy-two. Average daily attendance fifty-four. Text books used: Franklin Readers, Walton's Arithmetic, Eclectic Geography, Duntonian Primary Tracing Books.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half-day of a term without being tardy.

First Term.—Michael J. Griffin, James O. Pike, Martin Quinn, Etta Pease, Maggie L. Broderick, Nellie E. O'Conner, Ida M. Harrington, Mary L. McCabe, Grace M. Walten, Maggie Kelley.

Second Term —Michael M. Griffin, James O. Pike, Maggie L. Broderick, Ida M. Harrington, Nellie J. Marden, Nellie O'Conner, Mary L. McCabe, Mamie Quinn, Rogenia Mc'Cabe, Maggie Kelley, Mabel Sanborn, Fannie Marden, Charles Oscar Kimball, Frank Horne, John Lynch, Bertie Miller.

Third Term.—Michael J. Griffin, James O. Pike, Maggie L. Broderick, Ida M. Harrington, Nellie Marden, Nellie E. O'Conner, Mary L. McCabe, Rogenie McCabe, Fannie C. Marden, Frank E. Horne, George L. Chase, Bertie Miller, Etta Pease, Daniel Broderick, George O. Sanborn.

The Primary School has been progressing finely during the year. It is only necessary to hear them twice in a term, near the beginning and toward the close, to be convinced of this. In no department has more or better work been done. It has taken much patience and perseverance. Not every teacher is qualified to take charge of this junior department, either in this or any other community. While they might succeed well in schools of a higher grade they would be utter failures among the children. The idea that any one could teach a school like this is incorrect. It requires the best teaching talent there is. I am glad to know that our community is fully satisfied with the work of the present teacher. The school will doubtless continue to grow. It has not yet come to perfection. Considerable attention has been given to singing, and the regret is that it must be dropped as soon as they leave this room. If teachers are unable to sing so as to lead in this, money should be put within the reach of the Superintending Committee to provide some one competent to do it. Children who are not taught to sing, usually become the men and women who cannot sing. This should be considered an important part in every education.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

MISS C. FLORENCE HAYES, Teacher.

Whole number of pupils attending two weeks forty-five. Average daily attendance $33\frac{13}{20}$, or about 85 per cent.

Text books used, Franklin Readers, White's Arithmetic, Eclectic Geography, Swinton's Grammar and Munroe's Speller.

ROLL OF HONOR,

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half-day of a term without being tardy.

First Term.—Charlie Davis, Hugh Kelley, Matthew Kelley, Hannah Fitzgerald, Maggie E. Kelley.

Second Term.—Maggie E. Kelley, Charlie Davis, Matthew Kelley, Dana B. Paul, Fred. T. Paul.

Third Term.—Matthew Kelly, Maggie Kelly.

Matthew and Maggie Kelley have not been absent or tardy for the year.

In deportment Nellie Gray ranks highest, being 100 (perfect) ; Frank L. B. Rider second, 99 $\frac{3}{5}$.

Commendable progress has been made in this department. It is composed of pupils of the age when education and its benefits are but little thought of. Hence a wise and sagacious teacher is a necessity. They need over them a watchful eye and a well-balanced mind, to keep each in their place and busy with their tasks. This the teacher has earnestly endeavored to do, and she is to be encouraged in that she has made progress. Many improvements can yet be made that will bring the school to a higher standard.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Two teachers have swayed the sceptre in this school during the year. Mr. Frank Gear the first and second terms, and Mr. A. W. Richards the third.

Whole number of pupils attending two weeks thirty-three. Average daily attendance twenty-nine.

Text books used, Rhetoric, Quackenbos. Physiology, Dalton. Histories, Anderson and Lossing's. Arithmetic, White's complete. Algebra, Greenleaf's Elementary. Bryant and Stratton's Book-Keeping. Science of Common Things. Eclectic Geography. Greenleaf's Geography. Franklin Fifth and Sixth Readers. Progressive Speller. Quackenbos's Grammar.

The High School has been in the ascending series this year. Unexpectedly to the public Mr. Gear left at the

close of the second term. He was succeeded by Mr. A. W. Richards, a teacher of experience and ability. He took hold of the school with a will, and although results were not all he anticipated, yet a new interest was awakened in the pupils, and the work of improvement immediately began. It progressed steadily through the term, and the change could be seen readily at its close. One great defect here has been the disposition on the part of pupils to talk so low in recitations that it would be difficult for the teacher to hear if only five feet away. A lesson might be thoroughly prepared, yet no one could tell the fact. Mr. Richards began earnestly to remedy this. He has not yet fully succeeded though he has made progress in it. His manner of instruction has been acceptable to the school, and a few months more of the same kind of work would be very effective for good.

The deportment of the school has been an improvement on the previous year, partly owing to the fact that some of the more rebellious have not been in attendance and the others have become wiser than formerly.

DISTRICT NO. II.

There were but two terms of school here during the year. The first was taught by Miss Mary E. Conner; the second by Mr. A. W. Richards. I know nothing of the condition of the school during the first term, as I was not committee at that time. My visits during the last term proved to my satisfaction that it was a good school in the hands of a superior teacher. Much improvement was made.

A more than usual interest in the school was manifested by the citizens, forty-three visits being recorded for the term; about four a week. This is as it should be everywhere. Parents complain of children learning nothing, and utter their anathemas against the teacher, when the fact is, their children may not be in school, or if there, are careless and disobedient. Let parents interest themselves in the culture of their children, and the children will become ambitious to excel. Their interest

in them, and occasional presence in the school room, will be a stimulant to childhood, a gratification to the teacher, and a source of just pride to the parent.

SUGGESTIONS.

The subject of the ventilation of the Primary room is one that needs no discussion, but *immediate action*. Were it not for the forethought and judgment of the teacher, who has done the very best that could be with the means at command, no doubt there would have been colds and sickness that has been avoided. This should be attended to before the opening of another term.

Another matter that should be attended to for the prosperity of the school, is the grading of it. To do this, there needs to be another room and an additional teacher. Some have suggested a distribution of scholars from one room to another, in order to equalize them in numbers for each teacher. To do this is to lower the standard of scholarship in the whole school. It would bring into the intermediate school a number not qualified to go; and the same would be true of the High School.

We need a Grammar School, and for a room, the Town Hall; and a new Town Hall in some other place. A new department is the only way to elevate the standard of scholarship in our schools.

The amount of money raised during the year for School purposes, has been five hundred dollars less than it should have been. We should have five teachers in the town, and raise not less than *two thousand* dollars. We would soon see the benefits from it, in the increased interest and prosperity of our schools; and a thoroughness of culture that cannot now be given.

The School year should consist of not less than forty weeks. The report a year ago gave thirty-three. This year it is only thirty-one. The reason is,—no money. Our children are deprived of more than two months they should spend in the school room. The wages of teachers should not be cut down, nor the year made less,

but the amount of money should be increased. We are behind the times in school matters. We must waken up, get out of old ruts, and take a new lease of life.

I send these thoughts to the public, as my settled convictions, and firmly believe in the need of acting upon all of them, for the welfare of the Schools.

O. S. BAKETEL,
Superintending Committee.

South Newmarket, N.H., }
Feb. 27, 1878. }

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